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and adopt these remedies first, if then we adopt a Public Service Commission, for example, and they should determine, for example, that there are certain omissions, and they do all the research and determine that there should be changes, and then if for some reason, you know, it never works out, there are continually problems, and the remedy is to use a condemnation of the system, well, then the processes that we've set up here, do we have to go all the way through those again even though the Public Service Commission may have documented all of these things already? Is this bill going to make any sense once we put in place a regulatory structure...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...which Senator Quandahl says is on its way, and that Senator Hartnett has assured me is being investigated, and which I think makes perfect sense in an area where monopoly is a necessity of life? So I would like...I would invite Senator Quandahl, on his time, to speak a little bit about the proper order of things, and why it is that we should consider one remedy among an array of remedies before we consider the regulatory structure comprehensively. It seems to me we should do that first, and fit this harsh remedy into that system as we do it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Tyson would move to bracket the bill until March 28th.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, my motion to bracket has several reasons behind it. The reason that I put the bracket in is this is a Kinder Morgan bill. Kinder Morgan, in effect, has come to the Legislature and said this is what we need for our own protection, and there's reasons for that. I think, and this, incidentally, this is nothing unusual. The Union Pacific has been here, Caterpillar has been here, any number of businesses have been here and we have worked